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The next meeting

The next meeting of C.C.B.C. will be held at Confront, 1130 Walnut Street, Allentown on Tuesday Evening, May 2, 1978. Featured at this meeting will be several members of the Gay Switchboard of Harrisburg, addressing the problems of establishing and maintaining a gay hotline. All will remember that this, a switchboard in Allentown/Bethlehem, has been a priority since the beginning of C.C.B.C. This meeting should provide the impetus to get the effort started. If you or someone you know has an interest in participating in such a switchboard, please make it your business to get to this meeting.

The Last Meeting

This special meeting of C.C.B.C. was brought to order by voluntary substitute chairperson, Bob Steelman, soon after 7:30 P.M. The first subject for consideration was reaction to the recent irresponsible actions of the Mayor of Allentown and the President of City Council. Press coverage of an unofficial ruling procured by Council President Frey would preclude the passage of an amendment to the ordinance to protect gays contrary to an official ruling also mentioned in the press. The members directed C.C.B.C. Secretary, Bob Woods to others rulings from other sources which would counter this unofficial ruling. To Counter the Mayor's actions in barring gay rights activists from City-sponsored forums, the membership directed the Secretary to write a letter to the Mayor voicing our dismay at the McCarthyism and unconstitutionality of his stand. Next, because there had not been a quorum at a meeting of C.C.B.C. since March 21st, past suggestions from these meetings were taken up. The first was election of Ms. Terrie Mault as Co-Chairperson. There were no other nominees remaining, but a vote was taken, and understandably, Terrie was elected by acclaim. The second item of business was an amendment to the By-laws which would establish a quorum as the number of the members of the Steering Committee present at a general membership meeting plus one. The amendment passed with one abstention. The third item of business was establishing the annual membership dues at \$2.00 which would entitle the member to all rights, privileges and responsibilities of the organization. The deadline for current members for membership dues was set at June 1st, 1978. The next topic proposed was discussion of the proposed Gay Pride Committee and/or March, picnic, and film festival. These films were suggested for the festival: In the Best Interest of Children, Gay U.S.A., and Kozl is Out. Discussion then centered on plans for picketing the Mayor on Wednesday, May the third. A member volunteered to contact representatives from ACLU and LEPCO to try to obtain their cooperation. A resolution passed "that the May 2nd meeting (of C.C.B.C.) be concerned at least in part with the picketing of the Mayor's house on May 3rd. The Next item of business was consideration of sending clippings from local newspapers, other news items, and our newsletters to Radio Station WUAB in California for possible inclusion on a gay radio show. Consensus was to cooperate. Next, consensus was again obtained that C.C.N.C. should join the Women's Council of Allentown as an organizational affiliate. The last item of business was a resolution "that C.C.B.C. strongly urges and supports the passage of House Joint Resolution 638 now before the U.S. Congress, which resolution would extend the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

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